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Lt Gen Rajiv Ghai Appointed Deputy Chief of Army Staff (Strategy)

- Lieutenant General Rajiv Ghai, whom the Pakistan's DGMO had called while India was pummeling Pakistani airbases during **Operation Sindoor**, pleading for a ceasefire, was on Monday appointed as the Deputy Chief of Army Staff (Strategy). He will continue to hold the post of DGMO.
- The Deputy Chief (Strategy) is a relatively new vertical created to oversee the Indian Army's Operations and Intelligence Directorates, among other important branches. It is considered one of the most crucial appointments within the Indian Army.
- On June 4, Lt Gen Ghai was also awarded the **Uttam Yudh Seva Medal (UYSM)** during the Defence Investiture Ceremony 2025 (Phase-II), recognising his distinguished service.
- Lt Gen Ghai, a senior officer from the Kumaon Regiment, has held several key operational roles in his military career. As the GOC of the Chinar Corps before becoming DGMO, he was at the forefront of counter-insurgency operations in Jammu and Kashmir.



ACM AP Singh wishes GC Shubahanshu Shukla

- Chief of the Air Staff Air Chief Marshal AP Singh on Tuesday interacted via video conference with Group Captain Shubahanshu Shukla, who is set to embark on the **Axiom-4 space mission**.
- Air Chief Marshal Singh extended wishes to Group Captain Shukla, who will be India's second astronaut to go to space since 1984.
- In a post on X, IAF said, "As Group Captain Shubahanshu Shukla prepares to embark on the Axiom-4 space mission tomorrow, Chief of the Air Staff and all Air Warriors of IAF wish him and the entire crew of Axiom-4 all the best for a safe and successful trip to the International Space Station. This will add a new chapter to the Indian Space Odyssey".
- The Ax-4 crew includes members from **India, Poland, and Hungary**, marking each nation's first mission to the space station in history and the second government-sponsored human spaceflight mission in over 40 years, according to Axiom Space.



Indian Army To Get Rs 30,000 crore QRSAM

- At a time when Indian air defence systems successfully thwarted the Pakistani aircraft, missile and drones attacks under Operation Sindoor, the Indian Army is all set to get Rs 30,000 crore boost with a new surface-to-air missile system expected to be cleared for acquisition by the Defence Ministry soon.
- The Defence Ministry is scheduled to take up the proposal for buying three regiments of the indigenous **Quick Reaction Surface to Air Missile system (QRSAM)** for the Army Air Defence for deployment along both western and northern borders.
- With a range of around 30 km, the system would be complementing the existing systems in the forces like the MRSAM and Akash in short to medium ranges.
- During the four-day conflict with Pakistan, which used Chinese weaponry, the Indian Army's Air Defence units destroyed majority of the drones using **L-70 and Zu-23 air defence guns** while the **Akash and MRSAM** played a crucial role along with the Indian Air Force's **Spydwr and Sudarshan S-400** air defence systems.
- The Army Air Defence is also getting a number of new radars, very short range air defence systems along with jammers and laser-based systems to deal with drones of Turkish and Chinese origin.



Keel Laying of Fourth Ex-GSL NGOPV (Yard 1283)

- Keel Laying ceremony of Yard 1283, the fourth Next Generation Offshore Patrol Vessel (NGOPV) being built by Goa Shipyard Ltd. (GSL).
- Construction of 11 Next Generation Offshore Patrol Vessels (NGOPV) is underway against contracts concluded on 30 Mar 23, wherein seven and four ships are being constructed by GSL, Goa and GRSE, Kolkata respectively.
- The NGOPVs, with an approximate tonnage of 3000T, are designed for **Coastal Defence and Surveillance, Search and Rescue operations, Protection of Offshore Assets, and Anti-Piracy missions.**



BEML to Manufacture ACV for Indian Army

- BEML Limited said it has entered into three licensing agreements with the Vehicles Research and Development Establishment (VRDE), a premier DRDO

laboratory, for the Transfer of Technology to manufacture critical mobility and support systems for the Indian Army's Armoured Corps.

- Under these agreements, Bharat Earth Movers Limited (BEML) will indigenously develop and produce the Unit Maintenance Vehicle (UMV) and Unit Repair Vehicle (URV) for MBT Arjun, and the Full Trailer for 70T Tank Transporter equipped with an Advanced Hydraulic Suspension System.
- This collaboration marks a significant milestone in enhancing the Indian Army's operational capabilities through fully indigenous, next-generation solutions aligned with the Government of India's "Aatmanirbhar Bharat" vision to achieve self-reliance in critical defence technologies, BEML said in a release.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. BEML signed licensing agreements with which DRDO lab for manufacturing critical mobility and support systems for Indian Army?

- A. RCI (Research Centre Imarat)
- B. VRDE (Vehicles Research and Development Establishment)
- C. ADE (Aeronautical Development Establishment)
- D. DRDL (Defence Research and Development Laboratory)

ANSWER: B

2. What critical systems will BEML develop and produce for the Indian Army's MBT Arjun?

- A. Armoured Personnel Carriers

- B. Infantry Combat Vehicles
- C. Unit Maintenance Vehicle (UMV) and Unit Repair Vehicle (URV)
- D. Drone Swarm Systems

ANSWER: C

3. How many NGOPVs are being constructed by Goa Shipyard Ltd. (GSL)?

- A. Four
- B. Five
- C. Seven
- D. Eleven

ANSWER: C

4. Who has been appointed as the Deputy Chief of Army Staff (Strategy)?

- A. Lt Gen Upendra Dwivedi
- B. Lt Gen Rakesh Kapoor
- C. Lt Gen Rajiv Ghai
- D. Lt Gen Anil Chauhan

ANSWER: C

5. How much financial boost is the Indian Army expected to receive for a new surface-to-air missile system?

- A. ₹10,000 crore
- B. ₹20,000 crore
- C. ₹25,000 crore
- D. ₹30,000 crore

ANSWER: D

6. Varuna Is A

- A. Helicopter
- B. Machine Gun
- C. Drone
- D. Fighter Jet

ANSWER: C

7. Varuna Has Been Developed By The ____.

- A. Sagar Defence Engineering Private Limited
- B. DRDO
- C. IIT Kanpur
- D. HAL

ANSWER: A

8. Ex 'KONKAN, INDRADHANUSH' Conducted b/w India &

- A. Qatar
- B. Oman
- C. UAE
- D. UK

ANSWER: D

9. ___ Is India's Border Guarding Organisation On Its Border With Pakistan And Bangladesh.

- E. SSB
- F. ITBP
- G. BSF
- H. None

ANSWER: C

10. Eastern Region (E) Of ICG Is Located At

- A. Chennai
- B. Mumbai
- C. Kolkata
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

11. Priyadarshini-class Patrol Vessels Is Manufactured By

- A. CSL
- B. MDL
- C. GRSE
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: C

12. Indian Navy Founded On

- A.** 26 January 1945
- B.** 26 January 1950
- C.** 26 January 1960
- D.** 26 January 1970

ANSWER: B

13. With Which Nation India Holds 2+2 Dialogue?

- A. Pakistan
- B. Japan
- C. USA
- D. Both B& C

ANSWER: D

14. DRDO Lakshya Is A

- A. Fighter Jet
- B. Ship
- C. Tank
- D. UAV

ANSWER: D

15. Exercise Samudra Shakti Conducted B/w Indonesia &

- A. India
- B. Nepal
- C. Bangladesh
- D. Bhutan

ANSWER: A

16. Captain Rank of Indian Navy Equivalent to Which rank of IAF?

- A. Flying Officer
- B. Flight Lieutenant
- C. Group Captain
- D. None

ANSWER: C

17. Brussels Is The Capital Of

- A. Belgium
- B. Belize
- C. Benin
- D. Bhutan

ANSWER: A

18. "Jungle Nama" Book Is Written By

- A. Jhumpa Lahiri
- B. Amitav Ghosh
- C. Hew Strachan

D. Nirupama Rao

ANSWER: B

19. Rapid Action Force Hq Is In

A. Mumbai

B. Lucknow

C. Surat

D. New Delhi

ANSWER: D

20. War Cry Of SIKH LIGHT INFANTRY Is

A. Garud ka hun bol pyare

B. Everywhere

C. Raja Ramachandra ki jai

D. Jo bole So Nihal, sat sri akal

ANSWER: D

